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Re: CRWSC - Northbridge
Covitch Property
ATF-Davidson
1 Main Street

Attention: Nancy Smith,
Site Assessment Manager

RTNs 2-0111, 2-0112
EPA MAD046128559

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter is in reference to the Covitch/ATF-Davidson facility located at 1 Main Street, Northbridge, Massachusetts. This site is listed in CERCLIS and has been the subject of the Federal site assessment program. Under the Multi-Site Cooperative Agreement the Department of Environmental Protection ("the Department") reviews the CERCLIS inventory of sites. The Department makes recommendations to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding whether the state has sufficient regulatory involvement at the sites to provide for reduced EPA oversight. The EPA and the Department believe this can reduce redundancy by deferring to the state program when appropriate. The program activities include conducting audits and other reviews under the state program and recommending archival of those sites that require no further action under the federal program. It might also involve a request to EPA to defer actions to the state's solid or hazardous waste programs.

The Covitch Property and the ATF-Davidson facility have been listed as a disposal sites under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) due to the discovery of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a petroleum and volatile organic compound plume, chromium, an historical sheen on the Mumford River raceway, foundry sand, coal ash, paint, plating sludge, plating rinsewaters, bromide salt baths, solvents and cutting oils. The EPA completed a Final Site Investigation Report on January 28, 1998 that includes the most recent sampling results, but no new sampling was conducted as a part of the Site Investigation. Response Action Outcome (RAO) statements were submitted per the MCP on both sites (2-0112 submitted on October 31, 1997; 2-0111 December 18, 1998). The Department has not yet evaluated whether they are in compliance with the MCP. An Activity and Use Limitation was filed in conjunction with an RAO submitted for 2-0112. The review has not brought to light any compelling reasons for the EPA to maintain this site on CERCLIS as a site requiring an Expanded Site Investigation. Early in 2000 the

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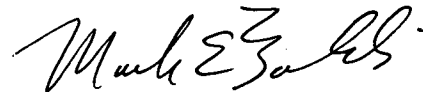
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Department pre-coded this site as a State Lead and it is appropriate to confirm that recommendation at this time. This CERCLIS site will be referred for an audit. The Department would like to reserve the right to request that the EPA maintain the site on CERCLIS if conditions warrant.

Based on the known current site conditions and its regulation under the MCP, the Department recommends that it be designated State Lead by the Environmental Protection Agency. We base this recommendation on the current information in our files. Please contact Greg Root at (508) 792-7653, Ext. 5017 if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

APR 12 2001



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Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

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Enc. Recommendation memo

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